Membership of Press Club of India

†2521. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the rules for membership of the Press Club of India, alongwith the number of active members as on date;

(b) the number of persons who applied for membership during the last ten years, how many of them got the membership, how many of them did not get it and the number of persons who have not received any information for the last seven years; and

(c) the reasons for such irregularities being committed by the institute, and the steps to be taken to bring improvement in it?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) The Press Club of India is a non-Government organization managed by the members of the Club. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting does not exercise any control on the Press Club of India.

Shortage of set top boxes

2522. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the cities where CAS has been implemented since 1st January, are facing acute shortage of set top boxes, *vis-a-vis* demand for the same;

(b) if so, the names of the companies providing set top boxes at present, and the reasons for the said shortage, *vis-a-vis* demand for the same;

(c) whether it is a fact that customers of cable TV service are being

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exploited and inconvenienced by the broadcasters and the MSOs and TRAI is not taking any action for protection of consumer interest;

(d) whether Government have taken any steps to help the companies providing set top boxes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) There is no shortage of Set Top Boxes (STBs) as per the reports received by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) from the cable operators.

(b) Government has neither prescribed any agency from whom the STBs can be procured nor any list of supplier is maintained. As stated in reply to part (a), there is no shortage of STBs.

(c) No instances of exploitation by broadcasters/MSOs have come to the notice of TRAI. However, complaint against non-compliance of orders/ regulations relating to CAS scheme, as and when received, is attended to as per the established procedure for handling complaints. TRAI has been interacting with MSOs and concerned Nodal Officers so that bottlenecks, if any, are removed expeditiously in order to protect consumers' interests.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Employment exchanges with on line facility

2523. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to make online facility in all the employment exchanges to enable the industry to take advantage of the data; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Out of total 947 Employment Exchanges, 346 Employment Exchanges have already been computerized. Since the Employment Exchanges have been functioning under the administrative and financial control of the State